

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF SPENCER

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
CASE 74C01-_____-MI-_____

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:

Petitioner

VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Petitioner, _____, pro se, respectfully petitions this court to change his/ her/ name. In support of this Petitioner state as follows:

1. That my name is:_____.
2. That I reside at:_____.
3. That pursuant to Indiana Code 34-28-2-1, I wish to change my name.
4. That I am not seeking to defraud creditors by changing my name.
5. That I have not been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years.
6. That I wish to change my name to: _____.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Court grant my Petition for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief. I affirm under penalties of penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true.

Signature

Print your name

Mailing address

Town, State and Zip Code

Telephone number, with area code

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NOTICE OF FILING PROOF OF PUBLICATION
AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

Petitioner, _____, pro se, states as follows:

1. I have given notice of my Petition for Change of Name, pursuant to Code 34-28-2-3(a).
2. I have attached a copy of the published notice herein as Exhibit A.
3. The attached notice has been verified by the affidavit of a disinterested person.
4. More than thirty (30) days have passed since the required publication of notice.
5. I am requesting that the Court set a hearing to consider my Petition for Change of Name.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request that this Court set a hearing to consider my Petition for Name Change, and for all other just and proper relief. I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I hereby certify that the Notice of Suit entitle "Petition for Change of Name," was published three (3) Times, as prescribed by law, in the _____, a newspaper in the City of _____, Indiana, on the following dates:

1. _____, 20____:
2. _____, 20____:
3. _____, 200____:

I further certify that copies of the three said notices, designated as First, Second, and third Notice of suit, respectively, and the publisher's affidavit regarding same, are hereto attached and made part of this return.

I further certify that the newspaper aforesaid met all legal requirements applicable to such publication.

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ORDER ON VERIFIED PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Comes now the Court, having reviewed the Verified Petition for Change of Name and the Notice of Filing Proof of Publication, now finds as follows:

1. That Petitioner's current name is:_____.
2. That the Petitioner resides at:_____.
3. That the Petitioner is not seeking to defraud creditors by changing his/her name.
4. That the Petitioner has not been convicted of a felony within the last ten (10) years.
5. That the Petitioner wishes to change his/her name to:_____.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Name Change is **GRANTED**, and Petitioner's name is hereby changed to:

_____.

Date

Judge, Spencer County Circuit Court

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Mailing address

Town, State and Zip Code

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Court fixes the _____ day of _____, 20_____, at _____:_____ o'clock
_____.m., for a final hearing.

Read and sign in Court this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Date

Judge, Spencer County Circuit Court

Print your name

Mailing address

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VERIFIED PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

General Instructions

PLEASE READ FIRST: It is very important for you to know that when you sign a Court document, you may be helping or hurting your case. Before you sign any Court document or get involved with a Court case, it is important that you see a lawyer to make sure you are doing the right thing. Although there are risks in self-representation, should you choose to represent yourself you must be prepared. Although these forms have been prepared to help you represent yourself, you should know that certain Courts have their own procedures and may not accept every form. You may represent yourself in court, but you will have to abide by the appropriate court rules, Indiana Rules of Evidence, Indiana Rules of Trial Procedure, and any local rules. For additional information, you may refer to the Indiana Self-Service Legal Center that can be found at www.in.gov/judiciary/selfservice/index.html. For legal advice about your case, you should get in touch with a lawyer.

Step 1: Who should use this packet

You should use these forms if:

1. You would like to change your name;
2. You are not in jail or prison;
3. You are over eighteen (18) years of age;
4. You have not been convicted of a felony in the last ten (10) years; and
5. You are not trying to avoid creditors.

Step 2: What this packet contains

This packet contains forms for you to fill out and take to the Clerk of the Court if you want your name changed. There are five forms in this packet. This packet also contains instructions.

Step 3: Which forms to fill out

You must fill out all five forms.

1. Verified Petition for Change of Name
2. Notice of Filing Proof of Publication and Request for Hearing
3. Affidavit of Publication
4. Notice of Hearing
5. Order on Verified Petition for Change of Name

Step 4: How to File These Forms

1. Follow the instructions attached to each form to fill out. You will need to type or print neatly in black ink. Do not print on the back or sides of the forms and print only in the blanks provided.
2. Before filing these forms, check with your local Clerk to find out the number of copies you must provide. Prepare the required number of copies of each of the forms that you have filled out.
3. Take the originals and the copies of the Appearance and the Verified Petition for Change of Name to the proper Court Clerk in the county where you live. The clerk will file stamp the forms, keep the originals and necessary copies and hand back the rest of the copies to you.
4. There is a \$133.00 (may change with-out notice) filing fee of either cash or money order. Be advised that most Courts will not waive this fee.
5. Contact the newspaper in the county where you reside and make arrangements to publish a legal notice of your change of name. Give a copy of the forms you filed with the Clerk to this newspaper. The notice must be published once a week for three weeks. Newspapers generally charge around \$50.00 to publish this notice. Keep track of the notices when they are published and keep a copy of the newspaper every time your notice appears. Fill out the Affidavit of Publication with the dates your notice was published and take the Affidavit of Publication to the newspaper and ask them to verify publication. They will need to sign this document. Some will prepare a Notice of Publication for you to give to the Court.
6. You MUST WAIT thirty (30) days after the last date of publication before you file proof with the Court. Take the originals and copies of the Notice of Filing Proof of Publication and Request for Hearing, the Affidavit of Publication, the Notice of Hearing, and any other documents the newspaper gives you back to the Court for filing. Take a self-addressed, stamped envelope in case the Court must mail you the hearing date.
7. Take the Order on Name Change to your hearing so the judge can sign it. You should be prepared to explain to the judge why you want to change your name and that you are not trying to avoid creditors.
8. Once your name has been changed, it is your responsibility to inform government agencies, your employer, your creditors, and other interested agencies and businesses of your new name.